

Remarks

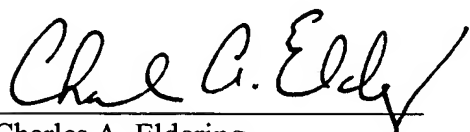
Presently claims 1-69 and 99-109 are pending in the application. In response to a Restriction Requirement, dated November 17, 2004, Applicants have withdrawn claims 70-98 and elected claims 1-69 and 99-109.

In the present action, the Examiner has stated that the claim listing submitted in Applicants' response of December 13, 2004 ("Applicants' Response") to the previous Office Action dated November 17, 2004, did not comply with proper U.S. PTO amendment practice. Specifically, the Examiner has noted that the claim listing in Applicants' Response did not include all pending and withdrawn claims.

Applicants have submitted herewith a corrected Listing of the Claims section, such that the amendments to the claims as submitted with Applicants' Response are compliant with U.S. patent practice. Specifically, claims 70-98 have each been included in the listing and have been properly identified as "withdrawn". Additionally, claims 1-69 and 99-109 have been identified as "original" instead of "previously presented". No substantive changes to the claims have been made with respect to the original claims or Applicants' Response. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the claims listing as corrected in this paper be entered and considered with Applicants' remarks as submitted in Applicants' Response.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the application, including claims 1-69 and 99-109, is in condition for allowance. Examination and an early Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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